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**SF 263** – Pollutant Discharge Signs (LSB 1612SV)

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**Description**

The Bill requires a person issued an individual Iowa National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to post a legible sign at all points of discharge to surface waters.

**Background**

A person with an individual NPDES permit must post a sign that is 18 inches by 24 inches in size with the following information:

- A statement that this is a State permitted discharge site.
- The NPDES permit number issued by the DNR.
- The name of the permit holder and contact information.
- The DNR website where additional information can be obtained.

**Assumptions**

State Agency Costs:

- The DNR estimates the cost to implement this Program will be \$75,000 and 1.00 FTE position for FY 2010 and 0.66 FTE position and \$50,000 for FY 2011.
- The estimated cost of 1.00 FTE at \$75,000 includes an estimated salary of \$57,000 and benefits of \$18,000. The estimated cost of 0.66 FTE position at \$50,000 includes and estimated salary of \$38,000 and benefits of \$12,000. State benefits vary per employee, but this analysis includes social security, retirement, and insurance payments.
- First year activities will include Administrative Rule writing, field investigation, records review, and possible legal enforcement.
- Second year activities will include field inspection, records review, and legal enforcement.

Signage Cost for NDPEs Permit Holder:

- The DNR estimates there are 1,600 individual permit holders.
- The Department of Transportation estimates the cost for a sign would be \$25 each.
- Numerous internet sites that print custom weatherproof plastic signs have prices ranging from \$10 to \$25 each.

The number of violations that may occur as a result of this law is not able to be determined.

**Fiscal Impact**

Senate File 263 is estimated to increase expenditures to the DNR by \$75,000 and 1.00 FTE position for FY 2010 and \$50,000 and 0.7 FTE position for FY 2011 and each year after.

## **Sources**

Department of Natural Resources  
Department of Transportation

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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